



BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

[Docket No. CFPB-2022-0043]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB or Bureau) requests the extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) approval of the existing information collection titled "Consumer Leasing Act (Regulation M)," approved under OMB Control Number 3170-0006.

DATES: Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*] to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documentation prepared in support of this information collection request is available at www.regulations.gov. Requests for additional information should be directed to Anthony May, Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, at (202) 841-0544, or email: CFPB_PRA@cfpb.gov. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov. Please do not submit comments to these email boxes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Consumer Leasing Act (Regulation M).

OMB Control Number: 3170-0006.

Type of review: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 13,718.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,126.

Abstract: Consumers rely on the disclosures required by the Consumer Leasing Act, 15 U.S.C. 1667 *et seq.* (CLA) and Regulation M, 12 CFR 1013, for information to comparison shop among leases as well as to ascertain the true costs and terms of lease offers. Federal/State enforcement and private litigants use the records to ascertain whether accurate and complete disclosures of the cost of leases have been provided to consumers prior to consummation of the lease. This information provides the primary evidence of law violations in CLA enforcement actions brought by Federal agencies. The agency's ability to enforce the CLA would be significantly impaired without Regulation M's recordkeeping requirements.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: The Bureau published a 60-day *Federal Register* notice on 4/7/2022 (87 FR 20394) under Docket Number: CFPB-2022-0021. The Bureau is soliciting comments on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods and the assumptions used; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be submitted to OMB as part of its review of this request. All comments will become a matter of public record.

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